

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the instant application, and all of the pending claims are objected to. Moreover, claims 14 and 15 are rejected.

Objection to the Claims

Applicants herein change the claim language so that the claims read in accordance with traditional United States practice. No issue of new matter arises by way of these changes since they are merely formal in nature. Applicants change “characterized in that” to “wherein” in each instance where the term occurs and remove the “preferable” recitations in each instance where they occur. In addition, Applicants herein add new claims 21 and 22 to incorporate two of the “preferable” recitations of claim 1 thereby reciting in two new claims the particular elements having the particular oxidation states that are removed from the independent claim 1 in order to conform the claim to traditional United States practice.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejects claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as unclear because they recite OH and Br in parentheses. Applicants herein remove the offending recitations as they may clearly be removed without affecting the scope of the claim language.

Fees

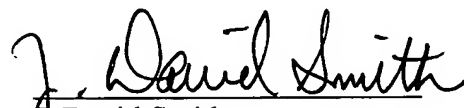
No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant Response. However, should this understanding be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks into the file history of the instant Application. The Claims as amended are believed to be in condition for allowance, and withdrawal of all of the outstanding rejections is therefore believed in order. Early and favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited. Should a discussion be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (201) 487-5800.

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